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Marginal Column

By Nora Belfry

New Economic Drive Opened

New efforts to improve productivity, reduce imports and increase exports were announced by the Cabinet yesterday in a statement summarizing its decisions following extensive discussions on the country's economic situation.

IT is characteristic of the crazy state of the world that one finds senior American delegates at Lake Success, whose country has everything to gain from peace, still suffering from virtually all the casualties and paying all the costs for the United Nations intervention in Korea, far more alarmed over a "peace offensive" than a war offensive on the Soviet side. The first two weeks of the fifth annual session of the United Nations General Assembly have been dominated by the encouraging war news from Korea and the all-important question of what the Russians will do about it. Leading delegates believe that the performance of the Soviet bloc — their oratorical mildness and social amiability — add up to a deliberate peace feeler. Admittedly there are familiar Soviet distrusts against the Anglo-American "warmongers" and "imperialists." But the absence of punch and the stentorian arguments have been taken as a designed hint that the Russians are ready to talk. Mr. Bevin, for example, noted with interest the major emphasis placed by Mr. Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on "the importance and timeliness" of the Big Five permanent United Nations members uniting their efforts for peace.

Reactions to Gov't Statement Mild
TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The gist of the Government declaration had been known to party leaders for a considerable time, but first reactions tonight were varied and generally mild. Histadrut Mapai circles said they appreciated most the decision to halt the black market.

Progressive Party leaders were generally satisfied because the Government had adopted practically all the measures advocated by them. In the present circumstances, not much more could be done, they claimed. One suggestion was that of creating a Minister of Economic Affairs who would be placed above all other ministries dealing with economics. Mapai circles were, however, outspoken in their criticism. The non-payment import clause, was really a lowering of the rate of exchange of the Israeli Pound, they claimed. Even more sceptical was Mayor Israel Rokach, who said that the Municipal Lottery plan advocated by him a year ago could not be implemented because one major municipality had opposed it.

The chief Mirabai spokesman, Mr. D.Z. Pincus, said that the beginning of needed changes, a great deal, however, depended on how the programme was implemented, he said. The Government is said to have promised a series of drastic measures to curb the black market. The announcement was also expected tonight, but the Prime Minister decided to give it more weight by his broadcast on Tuesday.

U.S. Congressmen On Israel Visit

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A U.S. Congress delegation arrived here on Friday morning to study agricultural questions and the situation in the Middle East. The members are Senator Claude Pepper (Florida) and Congressmen Robert Poose (Texas) and Harold Cooley (N. Carolina). A reception in their honour was held at the home of the U.S. Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Richard Ford, last night. The delegation today toured Galilee and spent the night in Jerusalem at the Eden Hotel. The visitors, who are accompanied by their wives, were entertained to dinner by the District Representative and Mrs. A. Biran; other guests were Dr. and Mrs. A. Nissim, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibson, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Gior. The party have come here from the Interparliamentary Union Conference at Dublin and have visited Britain, Germany, Yugoslavia, Italy, Turkey, and Egypt. They are leaving today for Jordan, Syria, Iraq and India.

Country's Progress Praised By British Air Secretary

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — Deeply impressed by what he had seen during his 24-hour whirlwind visit to Israel and wishing that he could have stayed longer and seen more, Mr. Arthur Henderson, British Secretary for Air, left Lydda yesterday afternoon for Cyprus to resume his inspection tour of R.A.F. bases in the Middle East. He was the first member of the British Government to visit Israel and his Dakota plane, which bore the pale blue flag of the Royal Air Force, was the first R.A.F. plane to touch down here on a peaceful mission. (One of its kind landed at Lydda more than two years ago to embark a number of British who had fallen into the hands of the Israel forces.) He has seen enough to realize the immense advances in the social field which have already been made in this country and which may have a profound effect on social development throughout the Middle East. Mr. Henderson, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Michael Carey, and his air staff officer, Squadron Leader R. Sutton, arrived at the airport after the scheduled departure time, for he had found it hard to tear himself away from Great Britain, where he had lunch. Earlier yesterday morning, he visited the Orni children's village and the Westman farm-

P.M. to Broadcast On Black Market

The Prime Minister will broadcast a series of talks on the country's economic situation. The first talk, on the war against the black market, will go over the air at 8.30 on Tuesday evening.

Art. 8 Committee Will Meet Today

The Special Israeli-Jordan Committee set up under Article VIII of the Rhodes Armistice agreement will meet today in Jerusalem. It has been learned that the Committee met several times in 1949 and has been moribund since the beginning of this year, owing to the Jordan government's unwillingness to implement the provisions of the article.

Article VIII provides for the opening of traffic through Latrun and free access to Mount Scopus for Israel, in return for opening the road to Bethlehem for the Arabs and the provision of electricity for the Old City. Dr. Avraham Biran and Mr. Uriel Heyd will represent Israel, while Ammi Bey Nashashibi and Hamad Bey Farhan will be the Jordan representatives. The Committee meets without a U.N. representative.

Old City Snipers Kill Boy, Wound Two Men

A fifteen-year-old boy was killed on Friday and two adults wounded yesterday by shots fired by Arab Legion personnel from the Old City walls. The bullet-riddled body of Israel Kibbutz of Katamon was found yesterday morning by Rav-Dan Shaul Ramati of the Mixed Armistice Commission and a U.N. observer in the area between Yemin Moabe and the Tanouss Building. It appears that the boy took shelter in a half-ruined shop when Legionnaires fired on him and two friends who were gathering waste metal outside Jaffa Gate. The two friends were unharmed. The two injured yesterday were Rahamin ben Amram Rahamin, 27, shot in the left thigh while standing near his home at the Hotel Yotv, and Raubin ben Yotv, 32, also injured in the thigh in the vicinity of Jaffa Gate.

Whether to Cross Parallel Poses Grave Question for UN

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, POST Correspondent
LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday. — The Political Committee is seeking a quick decision on whether U.N. forces should cross the 38th Parallel before General MacArthur reaches his own decision. Many delegations — and Israel is one of them — feel that the moral and legal basis of U.N. intervention in Korea rests on the old Security Council demand for a withdrawal of forces to the 38th Parallel. Whether or not the General Assembly's desire, as expressed in previous years for a unified Korea, should be implemented by force now that the aggression below the Parallel has been beaten back, is a grave decision for the Committee to make. It might set a precedent for the U.N. forces which Secretary of State Dean Acheson has asked for to carry out U.N. decisions.

Holland, Brazil Win U.N. Council Seats

FLUSHING MEADOW, Saturday. — Holland and Brazil were yesterday elected members of the U.N. Security Council, but a decision on a third new member was postponed until next week after the two contestants — Turkey and the Lebanon — failed after 12 ballot deadlocks to win a necessary 40-vote majority in the General Assembly. Brazil replaces Cuba and Holland, Norway. They will take their seats in January for two-year terms. Brazil received 87 of a possible 90 votes in the first ballot in the Assembly voting and Holland 47, each exceeding the necessary 40 votes. In the twelfth and final ballot to determine Egypt's successor, Turkey received 36 votes and the Lebanon 24.

SYRIAN ARMY PLOT

BEIRUT, Saturday (Reuters). — The Syrian authorities today arrested 30 people, including 23 officers, and searched many houses in investigating an alleged army plot against the state. Reports from Damascus yesterday suggested that the country was facing a new crisis arising from differences between government and army. The informed political circles tonight disclosed the existence of any serious plot.

North to Receive Ultimatum From Gen. MacArthur Today

Nehru Against Parallel Crossing

NEW DELHI, Saturday (AP). — India feels U.N. troops should stay south of the 38th Parallel until "all other means of settlement have been explored." Premier Pandit Nehru told a news conference today. Reminded by a correspondent that President Syngman Rhee advocated crossing the Parallel, Pandit Nehru said: "I am no great admirer of President Rhee, anyhow."

The Prime Minister said India has not received nor forwarded any Korean peace proposals, although it has been in constant touch with various nations concerned in the conflict, particularly Britain, the U.S. and Communist China.

He added that India has not "warned" any government of anything. "I am very glad that aggression has been defeated," Mr. Nehru said. Adding that it has lessened the chances of a world war, although future events might increase these chances. Now that the North Koreans are "adequately defeated," he said, "the psychological moment should be seized to further the objective of the U.N."

Mr. Nehru, when asked whether he approved of the suggestion that some North Koreans should be tried as war criminals for alleged atrocities, said: "I am sure that if people are tried for atrocities there will be a long list and include persons from both sides."

Mr. Nehru observed that since the publication of the Dixon Report, propaganda in Pakistan has condemned Sir Owen Dixon (U.N. Kashmir Mediator). These charges, he said, "are absolutely false."

Pandit Nehru disclosed that India proposed to Pakistan that a suggested "war declaration" be submitted with a tribunal to deal with pressing disputes over the property of evacuees and the distribution of canal waters.

Surrender Demand Expected To Lay Down 'Lenient Terms'

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — Authoritative sources said today that General MacArthur will demand in a radio broadcast tomorrow that the North Koreans surrender immediately. The sources said the General's demands will be contained in a brief message of about 200 words to be broadcast from Tokyo. They said he is to broadcast periodically in English and that Korean announcers then will repeat the demand in round-the-clock hourly broadcasts beamed to North Korea. The surrender demand will lay down "lenient terms — everything considered," it was said. There was speculation that "lenient terms" meant there would be no demand for the punishment of North Koreans on a large scale. The informants said the message will avoid all details of Korea's political future, which will be up to the United Nations.

UN Forces Within Several Kms. Of North-South Frontier

TOKYO, Saturday (UP). — U.S. forces smashed late today to within a few kilometres of the 38th Parallel in a three-pronged drive above Seoul. The Allies were on the march along a 21-mile front across the entire waist of North Korea. Korean vanguards reached the border of the east coast yesterday, but halted there to regroup and await further orders.

Bevin Hints Support Of Drive Over Border

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuters). — British Foreign Minister Bevin indicated yesterday that he favoured U.N. forces in Korea crossing the 38th Parallel. He was leaving by the Queen Elizabeth after attending the Foreign Ministers' conference here and the U.N. Assembly. "If you proceed to deal with Korea as Korea, and if you want a united and free Korea, the 38th Parallel almost automatically disappears," he told newsmen, adding: "The more frontiers you get rid of, the better it is."

"There should be no artificial perpetuation of the division between North Korea and South Korea. They are all Koreans."

Mr. Bevin said he could not comment on the Foreign Ministers' meetings because they were secret, "but," he conceded, "the foundation has been laid for development of the defence of the Atlantic community. Patience is necessary for that development will not be spectacular or a headline job."

Israel Statement On Arab League

FLUSHING MEADOW, Saturday. — The Israeli delegation to the United Nations yesterday circulated a memorandum attacking the Syrian proposal to extend a permanent invitation to the Arab League to attend General Assembly meetings. The memorandum made the following points:

1. The Arab League is not a regional organ in the meaning of the Charter since it does not include non-Arab states in the Middle East but was conceived on the principle of exclusive racial and cultural identity.
2. The Arab League pact contains no reference to the acceptance of obligations imposed under the U.N. Charter.
3. The only activities carried out jointly by members of the League have been directed against, and not in support of, the U.N. The League embarked on military intervention to prevent the establishment of Israel and now forbids its members to negotiate for peace.
4. The Arab League is bent on subverting the existing political status in countries outside the League. This aim is clearly mentioned in Annex II of the pact.
5. In contrast with the decision taken by the Pan-American Union with respect to the Security Council action in Korea, support in the Security Council by the Arab League has given no resolution. Indeed, Egypt consistently dissociated itself from the Council's decision. The Arab League was incapable of reaching any collective decision on this crucial matter.
6. The Arab League media belabored closed doors and most of its decisions are secret.
7. It has extended no invitation to the U.N. Secretary-General.

Egyptian Minister May See Truman

FLUSHING MEADOW, Saturday (Reuters). — Egyptian Foreign Minister Salah el-Din Bey is expected to meet President Truman next week to try to clarify American policy towards certain key points of Middle East policy, well-informed sources said yesterday.

S.Korea to Take Part in U.N. Talks

LAKE SUCCESS, Saturday (AP). — South Korea today took a seat at the U.N. Political Committee conference table after the committee approved a Chinese Nationalist proposal to invite her to participate in discussions on Korea's political future. Russia's request to invite the North Koreans was beaten by 46 votes to six with seven abstentions. The invitation to South Korea was approved by 30 votes to 5 with five abstentions.

An eight-nation plan for a unified Korea drawn up by British initiative was due to go before the Political Committee, which met today for the first time during this session.

The plan was also being sponsored by Australia, Brazil, Cuba, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, and the Philippines.

Russia made an unsuccessful effort to have the committee study its resolution to "stop mass terrorism" in Greece before discussing the Korean question. Dr. T.F. Tsiang of Nationalist China and Mr. Warren Austin of the U.S. both proposed inviting South Korea and excluding North Korea. Mr. Austin said it would be absurd to invite "the aggressors who still defy the U.N."

Blundering Children

Faria El Khoury, Syria, said he favoured bearing both North and South Korea. The United Nations should consider the North Koreans as "children who have committed a blunder" and had to be punished, El Khoury said. "We have to deal with them fairly, and give them a fair chance to be heard — without a vote of course," he said.

Meanwhile, the Special Political Committee voted over Russian bloc opposition to argue first the Mindset case and other charges of Human Rights violations by Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania. The vote was 30-15 with ten countries abstaining and five not participating.

The U.N. General Assembly wound up its sessions yesterday, with committees taking charge of agenda items.

U.S. Destroyer Hits Mine Off N. Korea

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuters). — The American navy reported yesterday its destroyer, "Brush," hit a floating mine in the sea of Japan on Wednesday killing nine men and injuring ten. Five others are missing. A large underwater hole was torn in the left side of the 2,800-ton destroyer, but the ship made the port of Sasebo, Japan, on Thursday under her own power after emergency repairs at the scene. The navy said she hit the mine off the city of Tanchon, North Korea.

Four West Nations In Navy Exercise

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — Fleet commanders representing Britain, Italy, France, and the U.S. today conducted a "chart" exercise on the problem involving what they would do if war started in the Mediterranean area. This was the first meeting of the Mediterranean naval chiefs of the four nations.

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Cypriot Communists Ask Greek Union

By SHAHE GUEBELIAN, POST Correspondent

NICOSIA — supporters of AKEL in response to the party-call to sign the Stockholm "Peace Appeal" — in contrast with the spectacular rush to sign the Enosis Plebiscite in January of this year.

Practically no support for Communist AKEL has been forthcoming from the 80,000 strong Turkish minority, a large number of whom are financially poor enough to be useful ground for Communist infiltration. Turks hate the idea of union with Greece, and their indifference to Communism in Cyprus is mainly because AKEL associates itself so vigorously with the Enosis campaign.

Danger in War
The outbreak of the Korean war exposed AKEL's policy in its true colours. Enosis for once gave way to campaigns to publicize "Cypriot People's support for the North Koreans" and vituperations against the "American capitalist warmongers". This campaign is principally a newspaper story at the moment, but even so it is rather doubtful whether the rank and file of left-wing organizations reading the party press will want to support Communist views on the fighting, if the war spreads closer to Cyprus.

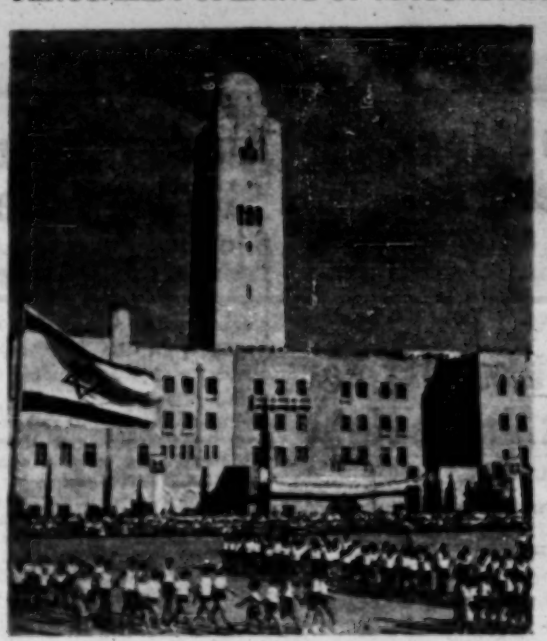
AKEL's party-rank membership is about 4,400 including a small number of women. Though AKEL is just a nuisance in peace, its potential hostility in the event of war with Russia, and the extent of such hostility, cannot be overlooked. So far the party has committed itself to the pledge that the Cyprus working class "will never fight in another war" — not against Russia anyway.

Political Opportunism
AKEL owes its sustained influence over these organizations mainly to its adoption of Enosis as a main political objective, and its leadership in the local left-wing "war" against the right-wing nationalist bloc incorporating the moneyed classes.

But for its political opportunism, AKEL's existence and influence could not have been on its present extensive scale. Communist leaders realized at the outset that any Cyprus organization which needs popular support has to declare itself unequivocally for Enosis.

Not much enthusiasm is shown nowadays by left-wing

JERUSALEM OPENING OF MACCABIAH



Members of the Young Maccabiah parade at the YMCA last Thursday, before the commencement of the soccer match in which Israel defeated Switzerland 9-1. Photo by Rubinger

THEATRE NOTES

WAR HEROES MUST BE REWARDED

A DAY AFTER THE WAR. Play, 3 Acts, by I. Mossinsohn. Directed by J. Oksenberg.

MATATE is continuing its commendable policy of presenting plays by local writers on local topics. But of late this veteran company has tended to depart from its role of satirical commentator on the current scene. It has abandoned its lusty good-natured revue style and has gone in for full-length drama becoming more pretentious as time goes by.

"A Day After the War" is written by Yigal Mossinsohn, who wrote the successful war play, "B'Aravot Hanegev", which was presented by Habima last year. The present play comes several months too late. Plays based on what is due to war-time heroes after the battle is won, should be presented either the day before the war ends or the day after. When the country is settling in its regular routine the audience is unprepared to grasp the emotional with warmed-up problems of the year before last.

Mr. Mossinsohn argues that even the most shocking behaviour on the part of the heroes is justified if it brings awareness to the unsympathetic civilian population which cannot, or will not, give credit to their soldiers' due. This is unfair not only to the soldier, but also to the civilian, who, by and large, had the fighting in this war practically in his own backyard. Soldiers cannot be paid for heroism. They can be given a fair chance to earn their livelihood and readjust themselves to civilian life. Most of us believe that this has been done.

Crime For a Living

The action takes place in the home of a comfortable middle-class family celebrating the return of the daughter's fiancé, Blank, played by H. Pardo. Ora, the daughter, (Miss M. Rait) did not know that Blank had lost an arm in an unusual act of heroism, and the shock of the discovery makes her behave very strangely. Yoram, (J. Levy), the son, a friend of Blank, acts like a psychopathic case

EUROPEAN PAYMENTS UNION FREES TRADE Sharing Western Defence Costs

PARIS — By FLORA LEWIS

WITH the formal signature of the European Payments Union, a new weapon has almost unwittingly fallen into the hands of the Atlantic Defence planners concerned not only with the military protection of the West but also with minimizing the cost of that protection.

The E.P.U. will immediately begin operations, retroactive to July, so that all European trade from that date can now be settled through its mechanism. When the Union was first contemplated, the emphasis was on devising a means of freeing European traders from the restrictions of payments problems. The idea was that instead of having always to calculate, before completing a transaction, not only whether the price was right but also if it was in the right currency, the trader could devote his attention to more normal business considerations.

Since the 18 member nations of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation agreed to the Payments Union plan, they have found themselves confronted with a whole new set of problems scarcely envisaged then. These are all centred on defence. The decision of the 12 Atlantic Pact Nations to pool their defence resources has intensified this problem, since if there is to be an exchange of equipment and specialization of duties among them, a scheme must be worked out as to how the effort is to be paid for.

Should France, for example, have to pay Britain from her own funds for guns and planes to be used by French soldiers in defending Western Germany on behalf of the Atlantic Community? Should Britain have to bear the expense of buying Danish butter and eggs for maintaining R.A.F. pilots helping to defend Denmark?

Financial Safety Valve

The precise answers have yet to be determined, but it has already been agreed that the European Payments Union should serve as the regulator, or rather safety valve, for assuring that some countries are not led to draining their own economies to the point of ruin in order to pay for common defence, while others, by selling their produce to the nations making the major effort, enrich themselves.

This is possible because of the complex system under which E.P.U. works. To begin with, it is an automatic clearing-house for balancing off the debts and credits of member nations to one another. The great importance of this phase of its activities can be seen from the fact that until now, each country was obliged to try and balance its trade with each other country. Britain could not buy from France and sell to Italy without fear of payments troubles and with the knowledge that things would work out in the end by Italy's selling to France.

Financial 'Handicap'

Beyond this it was recognized that, under existing conditions, some countries are chronically in debt all round while others are continually selling more than they buy. Therefore, the Payments Union, on the basis of expected trade, worked out different initial positions for each country, similar to "gofers' handicaps", so that by taking them into account a balance could be achieved. The difference is to be made up by 350 million dollars of Marshall Aid funds contributed to the E.P.U. by the United States.

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MUSICAL DIARY

JOSEPH Gruenthal's Piano Concerto (1945), with the composer as soloist, was the main work in Kol Israel's weekly concert last Wednesday, conducted by Hanan Schlesinger.

Mr. Gruenthal is the most daring of our composers. He is rhythmic and his bold harmonies sometimes relate to Stravinsky and at others have the characteristic Schoenberg influence. He always has something to say in an engaging manner; he is a craftsman and a master of form. In particular, his solos for strings are always striking.

Listening to Gruenthal's compositions invariably conjures up in my mind the beauty of ice-bergs. He has a restrained melancholy and his work leaves the impression of a personality.

The broadcast began, appropriately enough for the opening of the Maccabiah that day, with the overture to Handel's "Judas Maccabeus." It concluded with a reliable performance of Haydn's "Drum-Roll" Symphony.

Best-sellers

For her first Jerusalem appearance after her return from a tour of Australasia, Pinna Salzman's programme, sponsored by "Navit" at the Y.M.C.A. last Thursday, was unfortunately compelled mainly from the "best-sellers."

Miss Salzman was sorely handicapped by a dreadful instrument. Once more we heard the Beethoven "Moonlight" Sonata in which Miss Salzman sometimes lacked exactness. Bach's Italian Concerto was also not much in her line and her reading was rather anaemic. She was happier with two Moments Musicaux of Schubert.

After an impressive performance of Liszt's Funerailles, we had Chopin's most popular Polonaise in A flat major, the left hand of which has a strong affinity to the Liszt. After some small pieces by Mahler-Kalkstein and Ben-Haim, we were treated to the Andalus and other works of de Falla.

We missed French music for which Miss Salzman is far

Readers' Letters

RILEY AND RUNCIMAN
To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — The report just issued by General Riley on the alleged expulsion of Arabs and Beduin from Israel, calls to mind a similar report issued by Lord Runciman in 1938 on the German minority in Czechoslovakia.

Lord Runciman studied the position for a short time to find out the truth of the German accusations against the Czech government. Instead of making an impartial enquiry, he went where the Henlein party wanted him to go, questioned mainly Nazis and carried little for the information supplied by the Czech government. The result was natural.

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He justified the claims of oppression and starvation made by the German minority though, in fact, they enjoyed full rights. The report was accepted and was one of the factors leading to the Munich surrender.

Yours, etc.,

AVRAHAM STEINER, Jerusalem, September 23.

NO 'PHONE

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — I refer to the answer of the Director General, Posts, Telegraphs, Telephones and Radio, published on August 20.

May I ask how long one's "patience" should last? I made my application for a telephone on February 16, 1945, five-and-a-half years' waiting time. I know that my turn came more than two years ago, and many later applicants have already got their telephones. Does the Director General realize that for a physician, a telephone is vital for his living?

Yours, etc.,

Dr. SIEGFRIED BELL, Haifa.

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